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which we may well say in the long run that Madras has deserved the honourable place that it has enjoyed in the past and will continue to enjoy in the future as the most progressive State as the most law-abiding State, as a most peace-loving State and as a State that sets examples to other States in the whole of India. With your permission, Sir, I will stop now and will continue after lunch."

Mr. CHAIRMAN :—" I now adjourn the House for lunch till 2-30 p.m."

The House then adjourned for lunch.

(After lunch—2-30 p.m.)

I.—SWEARING-IN OF A MEMBER.

The Hon. Sri J. L. P. Roche Victoria was sworn in.

IV.—PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

Mr. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that, under Rule 9 of the Madras Council Rules, I have nominated the following four Members of the Council to be the Panel of Chairmen for the first session of the Council as from the commencement of the Constitution of India.

1. Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliyar,
2. Janab K. T. M. Ahamed Ibrahim,
3. Sri N. Ranga Reddi, and
4. Dr. P. S. Srinivasan."

III.—DISCUSSION ON HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS—*cont.*

Dr. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR—*cont.* :—" Mr. Chairman. Sir, just before we adjourned for lunch I stated that so far as I could see the party in power—the Ministry—had had a new lease for the continuance of the prerogatives and the privileges that they were to exercise on behalf of the Government of the day. When they came to power in 1946, they were fortunately the inheritors of fortune in two respects. They were the inheritors of a bank with a considerable amount of balance behind them, the Post-war Reconstruction Fund running to several crores of rupees, and I regret to say we have no exact idea as to the state of the bank now and I am afraid that the Hon. the Finance Minister will have to confess that that bank is in a very perilous state indeed. Practically all those funds have been utilised for other purposes and there is very little of them left now . . ."

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI :—" You mean the Revenue Reserve Fund? "

Dr. A. LAKSHMANASAWMI MUDALIYAR :—" The Post-war Reconstruction Fund running to nearly 60 crores of rupees was built up and left behind by the Advisers' Government and I say that this Fund is very nearly exhausted. If I am wrong in my figure, I would like to be corrected."